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SUBJECT: NEW RAILROAD LINE TO THE PETEN

1. GUATEMALAN NATIONAL RAILROAD (FEGUA) CURRENTLY HAS PLANS TO BUILD LINE WHICH WOULD CONNECT THE EXISTING GUATEMALA CITY-PUERTO BARRIOS LINE. AS MAPS OF AREA ALREADY AVAILABLE, FEGUA NOW SURVEYING PROPOSED LINE TO THE PETEN. FIRST STAGE WOULD BE LINE UP TO RIO DULCE WITH OFF SHOOT TO EL ESTOR, SITE OF EXMIBAL NICKEL MINING PROJECT SITE. FROM RIO DULCE LINE WOULD CONTINUE TO PETEN UP THROUGH LAS CADENAS. ROUTE FROM THIS POINT ONWARD TO BE DETERMINED IF AND WHEN PETROLEUM FOUND IN COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES AS RAILROAD LINE WOULD BE EXTENDED TO THIS PETROLEUM AREA. NO CONSTRUCTION ON THIS LINE PLANNED IN 1975 BECAUSE OF FEGUA'S LACK OF FUNDS.

2. COMMENT: IN OUR CONSIDERED OPINION THE PETEN RAILROAD PROJECT IS PURE PIPEDREAM. GIVEN ITS FAIRYTALE ASPECT, THE PROJECT SHOULD PROBABLY BE CALLED "THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD."

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